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## WINDOW ROCK DISTRICT COURT CLOSURE

WINDOW ROCK – The Window Rock District Court will open at 7 a.m. and close at 2:30 p.m. for the remainder of the week due to temperatures reaching unsafe levels.

The cooling system at the court offices has broken down causing unsafe temperatures in the workplace. On Friday, June 22, 2012, Navajo Occupational Safety and Health Administration found excessive heat with temperatures above 90 degrees in the court offices. The Court is currently working with Facilities Maintenance to address and remediate the problem. The Administrative Office of the Courts is also seeking alternatives for the Court to continue services.

The following services will be provided when the Court is not open:

- All documents that need to be filed shall be accepted by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court office.
- Telephone messages may be left with the Window Rock Probation Office at (928) 871-6625.
- All court hearings scheduled after the Court closes for the day will be rescheduled and notice will be sent out by mail. Affected parties may contact the Court during its open hours for more information.

The Window Rock District Court may be reached during open hours at (928) 871-6984. Any updates to the Court closure will be posted on the <a href="https://www.navajocourts.org">www.navajocourts.org</a> website.